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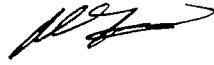
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(UT-070)

### Memorandum

To: State Director, UT-924  
Attention: Terry Catlin and Teresa Thompson

From: Mike Stiewig, Acting Field Manager 

Subject: Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale Parcel Recommendations

The Price Field Office has one parcel on the list for the August 2008 competitive oil and gas lease sale. The parcel was reviewed for land use plan conformance and NEPA adequacy as documented through completion of a Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet attached to this Memorandum. Following is a summary of the determinations and recommendations:

### Parcels Recommended For Sale

UT0808-083

### Parcel Recommended for Deferral

None

Additional stipulations and lease notices have been added to the parcels, which were not included on the preliminary offer list submitted by USO in May, 2008. The additional stipulations are specified in the Price River MFP or Washington Office Instructional Memorandums. The revisions are included in highlighted text in Attachment 2 and provided here. The following stipulations and lease notices were added to the recommended parcels:

Cultural Stipulation specified in WO IM 2005-003

Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation Stipulation specified in WO IM 2002-174

Watershed Stipulation

Mule Deer Fawning Stipulation

Bald Eagle Lease Notice

Raptor Habitat Lease Notice

Raptor Survey Lease Notice

Migratory Bird Lease Notice

Price Field Office Lease Notice

Attach 1	DNA
Attach 2	List of Offered Parcels with stipulations and notices
Attach 3	Deferred Parcel Table
Attach 4	Staff Reports

**Worksheet**  
**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Utah Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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The signed CONCLUSION at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision; however, it constitutes an administrative record to be provided as evidence in protest, appeals and legal procedures.

**A. BLM Office:** Price Field Office (UT-070)

**Proposed Action Title:** August, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

**Location of Proposed Action:** Parcel within Carbon County, Utah. Attachment 2 contains the legal description for this parcel.

**Description of the Proposed Action:** The Utah State Office proposes to offer 1 parcel of land in Carbon County, Utah administered by the Price Field Office for oil and gas leasing in a competitive lease sale to be held in August 2008. This parcel was assessed for land use plan compliance and NEPA adequacy. Attachment 2 lists the parcel including special lease stipulations and lease notices. This parcel includes public lands or lands in which the mineral estate is administered by the BLM. If a parcel of land is not purchased at the lease sale by competitive bidding, it may still be leased within two years after the initial offering under a current review of NEPA adequacy. A lease may be held for ten years, after which the lease expires unless oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. A producing lease can be held indefinitely by economic production.

Planning decisions place certain lands in a no leasing category. Most lands are leased with minor stipulations attached to the lease from the appropriate land use plan for the area. Some lands are leased with limited areas of no surface occupancy within the lease boundaries. Some lands are leased with no stipulations other than those found on the standard lease contract form. A lease grants the right to drill for oil and gas, at some location on the lease.

A lessee must submit an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) (Form 3160-3) to the BLM for approval and must possess an approved APD prior to any surface disturbance in preparation for drilling. Any stipulations attached to the standard lease form must be complied with before an APD may be approved. Following BLM approval of an APD, a lessee may produce oil and gas from the well in a manner approved by BLM in the APD or in subsequent sundry notices. The operator must notify the appropriate authorized officer, 48 hours before starting any surface disturbing activity approved in the APD.

**B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans**

- Price River Management Framework Plan, September 2, 1983
- Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984
- Range Valley Habitat Management Plan, 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Price River Management Framework Plan (MFP) Minerals M-1: Allow and encourage development of those Leasable minerals known to occur within the planning area in accordance with current laws and regulations so as to aid in filling the local and national energy requirements.

The Oil and Gas Category plats of the Price River MFP identify the stipulations to be attached to each lease or portions thereof.

**C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

- Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, August 15, 1975
- Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984
- EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988
- Castlegate Coalbed Methane Project Carbon County Utah, October 1992
- Price Coalbed Methane Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, May 1997
- Ferron Natural Gas Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, July 6, 1999
- Mineral Potential Report, Price Field Office, RMP EIS, May 2002
- Price Field Office Resource Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), July 2004 (referred to in this document as the 2004 draft RMP EIS)
- Price RMP ACEC Proposal Review Information 2003-2004

**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?**

**Item 1: Yes for the following parcel:**

**UT0808-083**

**Item 1: Rationale for Yes:** The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1988 Environmental Assessment (EA) Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Leasing Categories for Price River Resource Area and the 1984 Price River Management Framework Plan analyzed the leasing of parcels for development of mineral resources.

**Item 1: No for the following parcel:**

**None**

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?**

**Item 2: Yes for the following parcel:**

**UT0808-083**

**Item 2: Rationale for Yes:** The range of alternatives in the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, 1984 Price River Resource Area Management Framework Plan Supplement, and the EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988 are appropriate. In the 1975 District Oil and Gas EA, BLM evaluated leasing and one alternative, to

not allow leasing. The Decision Record of the 1984 Price River Resource Area Management Framework Plan Supplement states that alternatives were considered throughout the document including no action, open to leasing, leasing with special stipulations, no surface occupancy and no leasing.

Item 2: No for the following parcel:

None

3. **Is existing analysis adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?**

Item 3: Yes for the following parcel:

UT0808-083

**Item 3: Rationale for “Yes”:** The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, and the EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988 describe the resource values that could be affected by the proposed leasing. Since the publication of these NEPA documents, environmental justice, ground water quality, Native American Religious Concerns, and noxious weeds have been added to the list of critical elements of the human environment.

**Environmental Justice:** The ethnic composition and economic situation of residents of Carbon and Emery Counties indicate that no minority or low-income populations are experiencing disproportionately high or adverse effects from current management actions (2004 Draft RMP EIS, pg 3-62). Leasing would not adversely or disproportionately affect minority, low income or disadvantaged groups.

**Groundwater:** Groundwater quality for the land proposed for lease was analyzed in the original planning documents. Usable water zones would be isolated and protected under current regulations and Onshore Orders when permits are submitted and considered for approval.

**Invasive, Non-native Species:** Currently the Price Field office has agreements with Carbon and Emery county to treat noxious weeds on federal lands in which the county maintains roads. Furthermore, noxious weed introduction is limited by standard operating procedures and best management practices used as conditions of approval for surface use authorizations. These practices include, equipment washing, inspections and treatments to limit the spread or introduction of invasive, not-native species. Lease notices are applied to parcels that are in areas where invasive, non-native species already occur. The parcel offered in this lease sale is not within an area known to contain invasive, non-native species.

**Native American Religious Concerns:** On May 9, 2008 certified consultation letters (attached to the cultural staff report in Attachment 4) were sent to the following Tribes: Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of Nambe, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pueblo of Zia, Pueblo of Zuni, Navajo, Hopi, Uintah and Ouray Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Paiute. The letters requested comments to be provided to the PFO within 30 days upon receipt of the letter. As of June 3, 2008, only two responses have been received. The Navajo Nation provided no objections to the proposed lease sale in their letter dated May 21, 2008. Furthermore, they went on to state that “After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties”. The Pueblo of Laguna stated, in their letter dated May 15, 2008, they had “determined that the proposed undertaking WILL NOT have

significant impact at this time.” As of June 23, 2008 no other comments have been received regarding this lease sale.

**Cultural Resources:** The area of potential effect as defined for the August 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale is identified by the legal descriptions provided in Attachment 2 for each lease parcel. The parcel within this lease sale was reviewed for the presence of cultural resources.

The information on previous archaeological inventories and recorded sites comes from the archaeological site files located at the BLM Field Office in Price, Utah. Additional sites are expected to exist that have not been recorded. The existing inventories and others surrounding this parcel are sufficient to determine that historic properties are likely to be present on each proposed lease parcel.

This evaluation is based on the assumption, supported by topography, perceived site density, existing access possibilities and previous inventories in the areas of the parcel, that there should be a place on each lease parcel that one five acre well pad could be developed without directly affecting a significant cultural resource. Also it is the policy of this office that with the addition of the stipulation required by WO IM 2005-003, the BLM can avoid all impacts to cultural resources

It is submitted that this oil and gas lease undertaking falls under the purview of the Protocol negotiated between BLM and the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, a document designed to assist BLM in meeting its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, various implementing regulations, and the National Cultural Programmatic Agreement. Further, the view taken here is that the undertaking does not exceed any of the review thresholds listed in Part VII (A) of the Protocol, and that it may be viewed as a No Historic Properties Affected; eligible sites present, but not affected as defined by 36CFR800.4 [VII (A) C (4)]. This undertaking will be documented in the Protocol log and sent to the SHPO in September 2008.

To assure appropriate consideration of future effects from the August 2008 lease sale, the BLM will add the following “lease stipulation” (WO-IM-2005-003), to the parcel offered for lease.

*“This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration, or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.” (WO-IM 2005-03).*

**Special Status Species:** Habitat evaluations were conducted for special status plant and wildlife species. There are no parcels containing potential habitat for threatened or endangered plant species recommended for lease. Therefore there will likely be “no affect” on federally listed plant species within the Price Field Office.

Parcel UT0808-083 is known to contain a BLM sensitive wildlife species. The Price River MFP which analyzed management of federal lands in Carbon County has adequately addressed impacts, which may result from oil and gas development, on special status wildlife species. Furthermore, the Draft RMP has not developed more restrictive management guidance for special status wildlife species. Therefore the current management guidance is sufficient to protect special status wildlife species.

**Wilderness Characteristics:** The parcel recommended for lease in this lease sale is not within an area known to contain wilderness characteristics.

**ACECs:** The Price Field Office currently has existing areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) that have been evaluated along with public nominations for ACECs as part of an ongoing planning effort. The Price Field Office determined that several areas do in fact have relevant and important values that make them potential ACECs for further consideration in the ongoing Price RMP revision. It is BLM policy to protect the relevant and important values of each potential ACEC until planning can be completed and the decision made as to whether or not to formally designate the areas as ACECs. The parcel recommended for lease in this lease sale is not within designated or potential ACECs.

**Paleontological Resources:** The parcel recommended for lease is not within an area where paleontological resources are known to occur in high concentrations. No impacts are expected as a result of oil and gas leasing.

**Wild Horse and Burro Resources:** The parcel recommended for lease is not within a Wild Horse and burro Management Area.

**Item 3: No for the following parcels:**

None

**4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?**

**Item 4: Yes for the following parcels:**

UT0808-083

**Item 4: Rationale for “Yes”:** The methodology and approach used in the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1984 and 1988 EA Supplements, the Utah Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Regional EIS, and the 1984 Price River MFP are appropriate for the current proposed action because the methods of extraction, land requirements for exploration and development, and potential impacts have not changed substantially since completion of these documents. The basic analysis assumptions included in these documents are still applicable to the current proposal. Coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface, therefore the methods of extraction, land requirements for exploration and development and potential impacts have not substantially changed.

**Item 4: No for the following parcel:**

None

**5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Do the existing NEPA documents analyze impacts related to the current proposed action at a level of specificity appropriate to the proposal (plan level, programmatic level, project level)?**

**Item 5: Yes for the following parcels:**

UT0808-083

**Item 5: Rationale for “Yes”:** The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1984 and 1988 EA Supplements, the Utah Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Regional EIS, and the 1984 Price River MFP evaluated the direct and indirect impacts of oil and gas leasing per the current leasing categories,

whether open to leasing, open to leasing with special stipulations or otherwise. As identified under criterion 3, no significant new information or circumstances have been identified which would render the existing analyses inadequate for leasing the above parcel. Nor have the existing resource conditions and other elements of the human environment changed substantially from those evaluated in the existing documents.

Coalbed methane production was not reasonably foreseeable when the planning documents were prepared. However, coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface; therefore there is no change to the existing resource conditions and values.

**Item 5:** No for the following parcels:

None

6. **Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

**Item 6:** Yes for the following parcels:

UT0808-083

**Item 6: Rationale for “Yes”:** The cumulative impacts of oil and gas including coalbed methane development have been analyzed in Castlegate Coalbed Methane Project, Price Coalbed Methane Project, and Ferron Natural Gas Project EISs. The EISs update the development scenario addressed the 1988 EA Supplements. The Ferron Natural Gas Project EIS, the last to be completed, addressed the cumulative impacts of all three actions. Therefore the cumulative impacts of coalbed methane and conventional oil and gas activities have been analyzed in full. Coalbed methane production was not reasonably foreseeable when the planning documents were prepared. However, coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface; therefore there is no change to the existing resource conditions and values.

The 1988 EA evaluated the cumulative impacts of oil and gas leasing to supplement the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, August 15, 1975, and Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984. The 1988 EA supplement projected five wells drilled per year between 1988 and 2000 within the Price River Resource Area on lands administered according to the MFP. Estimates also projected that 48 of the 60 total wells would be non-producing, abandoned and reclaimed.

The most recent cumulative impacts analysis, including the Stone Cabin 3D Seismic Survey Project EA completed March 19, 2004, projected at total of nine federal wells, plus five to seven wells to be drilled annually on state and private lands. The current implementation of the West Tavauputs Plateau Drilling Program, authorized July 29, 2004, consisting of development of 38 wells, exceeds this projection. Public comments on these documents were voluminous and provided by national interests. The comments largely identified transportation and public safety in Nine Mile Canyon, concerns related to the potential ACEC and potential National Historic District, opportunities for recreational viewing of rock art, and other potential impacts to cultural resources in Nine Mile Canyon as primary issues.

The current reasonably foreseeable development scenario in the Price RMP Draft EIS projects 738 wells on the West Tavauputs Plateau. The analysis contained in the Price RMP draft EIS would allow for multiple wells from each of these locations. The acres disturbed is in line with the expected cumulative impacts on the West Tavauputs Plateau. On August 27, 2005, the Price Field Office published in the Federal Register a Notice of

Intent to prepare an EIS for full field development of natural gas resources on the West Tavaputs Plateau to include up to approximately 500 pad locations and 750 individual wells. The NOI for the full field development EIS also specified that development of future leases will be analyzed within the scope of that document.

Because the reasonably foreseeable level of oil and gas activity analyzed previously is still appropriate and additional connected, cumulative, or similar actions are not anticipated; potential cumulative impacts are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the EISs and RFDs.

**Item 6: No for the following parcels:**

None

**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

**Item 7: Yes for the following parcels:**

UT0808-083

**Item 7: Rational for "Yes":** The public involvement and interagency review procedures and findings made through the development of the Price River MFP, the Price River MFP Supplement approved August 13, 1984, and the Environmental Assessment Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Leasing Categories for the Price River Resource Area approved on December 23, 1988 are adequate for the proposed lease sale. A public meeting was held in Price on April 18, 1983. A Federal Register Notice concerning the preparation and availability was posted on April 1983.

In February 1997, BLM conducted public and internal scoping to solicit input to identify the environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed Ferron Natural Gas Project. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on January 28, 1997. An amendment to the NOI was published in the Federal Register on February 3, 1998, which adjusted the western boundary of the South Area to the location evaluated in this EIS. The BLM prepared a scoping information packet and provided copies of it to federal, state, and local agencies; Native American groups; and members of the general public. In addition, the BLM conducted public scoping meetings in Price, Utah; Castle Dale, Utah; and Salt Lake City, Utah on February 11, 12, and 13, 1997, respectively. The environmental issues identified are described in for the proposed are described in the Ferron EIS. A summary of the results of the scoping are maintained in the Price Field Office.

In addition, the Price Field Office issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to revise the above land use plans in the Federal Register on November 7, 2001 initiating public scoping. This scoping included the No Action Alternative, which represents current management, as outlined in the 1983 Price River MFP and the 1991 San Rafael RMP as altered through amendment and policy since adoption of the records of decision for those plans.

**Item 7: No for the following parcels:**

None

**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:** Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet. An Interdisciplinary checklist is attached to this DNA.

Name	Title	Resource Represented
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Sue Burger	Physical Science Technician	Coal
Nathan Sill	Natural Resource Specialist	Native American Consultation
Tom Gnojek	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Wilderness, Recreation
Brad Higdon	Environmental Coordinator	NEPA
Karl Ivory	Range Management Specialist	T&E Plants/Weeds
Mike Leschin	Geologist/Paleontology	Paleontology
Blaine Miller	Archaeologist	Cultural Resource
Mike Tweddell	Range Management Specialist	Wild Horses & Burros
David Waller	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Wildlife
Don Stephens	Natural Resource Specialist	Geology

- F. **Mitigation Measures:** The following Lease Notices and/or Lease Stipulations should be applied to the identified, subsequent parcel (these are in addition to those applied by the Utah State Office).

**LEASE STIPULATIONS- WO-IM**

**1. Lease Stipulation-Cultural Resources (WO-IM-2005-003); This Stipulation Shall be Applied to All Parcels**

*"This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration, or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated." WO-IM 2005-03.*

**2. Lease Stipulation-Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation (WO-IM-2002-174): This Stipulation Shall be Applied to All Parcels.**

*The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1531 *et seq.*, including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.*

**UT-S-14-Watershed should be added to the following parcel:**

UT-0808-083

**UT-S-46-Mule Deer Fawning should be added to the following parcel:**

UT-0808-083

**LEASE NOTICES**

**T&E-01 Bald Eagle Lease Notice**

UT-0808-083

**UT-LN-07- RAPTOR HABITAT-Should be added to the following parcel:**

UT-0808-083
<b>UT-LN-33- RAPTOR SURVEYS-Should be added to the following parcel:</b>
UT-0808-083
<b>UT-LN-52-Migratory Birds- Should be added to the following parcel:</b>
UT-0808-083
<b>UT-LN-56-Price Field Office- Should be added to the following parcel:</b>
UT-0808-083

## **CONCLUSIONS**

### **Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that the following parcel conforms with the existing land use plans and have adequate NEPA:

#### **UT0808-083**

Based on new information identified in the 2004 Draft RMP EIS, the current land management prescriptions under the Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP no longer provide adequate protection of specific resource values located within the parcels listed below (refer to Attachment 3 deferred parcel table rationale).

**None**



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**Signature of the Responsible Official**

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**Date**

# INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM ANALYSIS RECORD CHECKLIST

**Project Title:** August 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

**NEPA Log Number:**

**File/Serial Number:** 1310

**Project Leader:** Nathan Sill

**DETERMINATION OF STAFF:** (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions


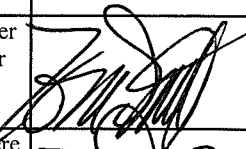




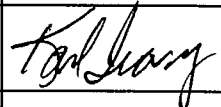
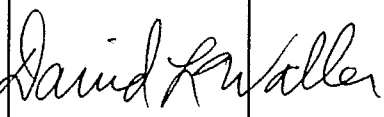
NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required

PI = present with potential for significant impact analyzed in detail in the EA; or identified in a DNA as requiring further analysis

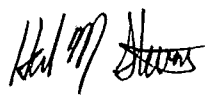

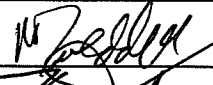

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section C of the DNA form.

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
<b>CRITICAL ELEMENTS</b>				
NI	Air Quality	The potential impacts of oil and gas development on air quality were adequately analyzed in the NEPA documents cited in Item C of the DNA. The proposed action would not exceed the level of activity projected in the RFD. Given the low level of drilling and related activity, only minimal emissions are anticipated. There would be no significant changes in circumstances or conditions that warrant further analysis relative to leasing.	<i>Floyd</i>	6/30/08
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	There are no designated or potential ACECs within the area affected by the proposed action.	<i>Emery</i>	6/29/08
NI	Cultural Resources	A cultural resource records search was completed for lands involved with the subject lease sale parcels. Cultural resources are or could be present in all lease areas but, given the low site densities indicated by current information, there is room on each lease parcel to locate at least one well pad, ancillary facilities and afford reasonable access and still avoid any cultural resources that may be present. The Utah Protocol Part VII.A.C. was applied to this cultural resource review for the August 2008 lease sale and the PFO determination under the Protocol review threshold (Part VII.A.C(4)) is: "No Historic Properties Affected; Eligible Sites Present But Not Affected As Defined By 36 CFR 800.4."  A cultural inventory is done prior to all surface disturbing activities and a Section 106 consultation will be done to ensure that cultural and historic properties are avoided or are not adversely affected. See attached Cultural Resources Specialist report.	<i>Brian Miller</i>	6-30-08
NI	Environmental Justice	The ethnic composition and economic situation of residents of Carbon and Emery Counties indicate that no minority or low-income populations are experiencing disproportionately high or adverse effects from current management actions (2004 Draft RMP EIS, pg 3-62). Leasing would not adversely or disproportionately affect minority, low income or disadvantaged	<i>Don Stepien</i>	6-30-08

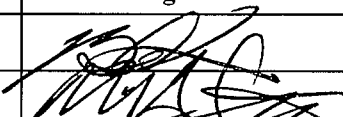

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NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique)	The parcel does not contain lands that meet the criteria for prime, state important or unique farmlands.	Don Stet	6/30/08
NP	Floodplains	The parcel does not contain lands that meet the criteria for floodplain or riparian/aquatic habitat.	Wayne Livingston	6/30/08
NI	Invasive, Non-native Species	The BLM coordinates with County and local governments to conduct an active program for control of invasive species. Standard operating procedures such as washing of vehicles and annual monitoring and spraying along with site specific mitigation applied as conditions of approval (COA) at the APD stage would be sufficient to prevent the spread or introduction of Invasive, Non-native species.	Karl Gray	6/30/08
NI	Native American Religious Concerns	Letters containing notification of this lease sale and the results of a cultural resources records search were sent to the Tribes on May 9, 2008 to the tribes listed in Attachment 4. The letters detailed the leasing proposal and requested comments and concerns. All responses are disclosed in the DNA, however no concerns were raised by the tribes. Consultation will be considered complete if tribal response presents no objections or if response is not received prior to the date of the proposed sale. Additional consultation will be conducted should site-specific use authorization requests be received. As the proposal becomes more site-specific, tribes will again be notified and given further opportunity for comment. Refer to section D.7 of the DNA for further discussion.	Blair Miller	6-30-08
NI	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species	No parcel has been recommended for lease that are known to contain threatened, endangered or candidate plant species. Furthermore, the standard lease stipulation for threatened, endangered or candidate species should be sufficient to protect these resources.	Karl Gray	6-30-08
NI	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species	Lease Notices and stipulations have been attached to parcels that are known to contain threatened, endangered or candidate animal species or their habitat and site-specific surveys will determine whether T&E animal species are present. Should T&E animal species be found, the surface use plan of operations may be amended to protect or avoid these species. As such there will likely be no adverse impacts to T&E animal species	2008-June 30 David L. Waller	
NI	Wastes (hazardous or solid)	Drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude or natural gas are excluded as a hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4). Application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and conditions of approval (COA) at the APD stage would be sufficient to ensure proper containment, transport and disposal of solid or toxic waste if any are required or generated. Additionally, all hazardous materials used or produced must be reported to the PFO. They must be removed and disposed in an appropriately permitted disposal facility. Solid waste must be removed and properly disposed	Wayne Livingston	6/30/2008
NI	Water Quality (drinking/ground)	Standard operating procedures (including the requirements for disposal of produced water contained in Onshore Oil and Gas Order (OOGO) #7 and the requirements for drilling operations contained in OOGO #2) and site specific drilling requirements applied as conditions of approval at the APD stage would be sufficient to isolate and protect all usable water zones.	Wayne Livingston	6/30/2008

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
NI	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	Wetlands/riparian zones are indirectly but adequately addressed in discussions of drainages, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, waterholes, seeps, marshes, and wildlife habitat in the Price River MFP. In conformance with the MFP, parcels or portions of parcels having wetlands and riparian/aquatic areas would be leased with NSO and/or CSU stipulations to protect those areas. Additionally, application of standard lease terms and the "200 meter" rule of 43 CFR 3101.1-2 prior to any surface disturbing activities would afford additional protection.		6-30-08
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers	There are no parcels recommended for lease that contain river segments which have been designated, or found to be either eligible or suitable for possible designation, as a Wild and Scenic Rivers.		6/30/08
NP	Wilderness	There are no lands designated as Wilderness present, and there are no lands under study by Congress for possible designation as Wilderness (WSA status) within the parcels recommended for lease.		6/30/08
NI	Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines	Water quality, vegetation, Threatened & Endangered Species habitat and other components of ecological conditions that are considered in Rangeland Health Standards and Guides have been analyzed in the previous NEPA documents pertaining to the nominated parcels. Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval it is concluded that Rangeland Health Standards would be met.		6/30/08
NI	Livestock Grazing	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, it is concluded that existing analysis is adequate and that livestock grazing operation would not be affected. Drill sites would be fenced. Any facilities such as fences and cattleguards that would be affected would be replaced or restored and disturbed areas would be reclaimed		6/30/08
NI	Woodland / Forestry	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, it is concluded that woodland or forest resources would not be affected in a way not already analyzed in existing NEPA documents.		6-30-08
NP	Vegetation including Special Status Plant Species other than FWS candidate or listed species	No parcel has been recommended for lease that is known to contain Special Status plant species.		6-30-08
NI	Fish and Wildlife Including Special Status Species other than FWS candidate or listed species e.g. Migratory birds.	This parcel contains crucial wildlife habitat. (See attached specialist report). In conformance with the Price River MFP parcels or portions of parcels within crucial wildlife habitat would be leased with a special stipulation that prevents drilling operations during the crucial period. Additionally, Northern Goshawk (BLM sensitive species) habitat is known to occur in the area affected by the parcel offered for lease. Lease notices as developed and analyzed in the Price River MFP, Price Coalbed Methane EIS and the FNG EIS have been attached to protect this resource, and should adequately address the potential impacts. Therefore, no impacts to Special Status Species are expected from the proposed action.	2008-June-30 	

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
NI	Soils	Given the low degree of anticipated exploration and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage including reclamation, as conditions of approval it is concluded that existing analysis is adequate and potential impacts on soils have been adequately addressed.	Wayne Livingston	6/30/08
NI	Recreation	Other than a minor amount of dispersed recreation, there are no existing recreation resources which would be affected as a result of this proposal. Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development identified in the land use plans cited in the DNA, application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and the provisions of 43CFR 3101.1-2 would reduce any impacts to dispersed recreation. Additionally, site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, including reclamation, would be sufficient to protect recreation opportunities.	[Signature]	6/30/08
NI	Visual Resources	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage including the ability to move operation up to 200 meters VRM impacts will not exceed current VRM classification for offered lands.	[Signature]	6/30/08
NI	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production	<p>The existing NEPA documents cited in the DNA adequately address the impacts of oil and gas leasing, as the EARs address oil and gas operations and the impacts that could result from exploration through development.</p> <p>Oil and gas exploration could lead to an increased understanding of the geologic setting, as subsurface data obtained through lease operations may become public record. This information promotes an understanding of mineral resources as well as geologic interpretation.</p> <p>Conflicts could arise between oil and gas operations and other mineral operations. These could generally be mitigated under the regulations 3101.1-2, where proposed oil and gas operations may be moved up to 200 meters or delayed by 60 days and also under the standard lease terms (Sec. 6) where siting and design of facilities may be modified to protect other resources.</p>	Don Stark	6/30/08
NP	Paleontology	No paleontological resources are known to exist within the parcel recommended for leasing.	Wayne Livingston	6/30/08
NI	Lands / Access	As described, the proposed action would not affect access to public land. No roads providing access to public land would be closed on a long term basis. Any proposed project would be subject to valid prior existing rights and any operations would be coordinated with right-of-way (ROW) Holders and adjacent non-federal landowners (See attached MTP pages). Off-lease ancillary facilities that cross public land, if any, may require a separate authorization. Existing ROW in proposed operation areas would not be affected because site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage, including the ability to move operations up to 200 meters, would ensure that communication sites, water projects, power lines, etc. would be avoided, restored or replaced. The described parcels are not located within an identified ROW corridor. Potential issues include but are not limited to surface disturbance within and outside	[Signature]	6/30/08

Determination	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
		described project areas and generated trash/.debris should be removed from public land and discarded at an authorized facility.		
NI	Fuels / Fire Management	Impacts analyzed in the Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP are consistent with the proposed action. Application of standard operating procedures (SOPs), and site specific mitigation and safety measures applied at the APD stage would minimize the risk of inadvertent ignition. Impacts to fire or fuels management are not expected.		7/2/08
NI	Socio-economics	Socio-economic conditions are adequately addressed in the existing NEPA record. Given the level of development analyzed and documented in the NEPA documents referenced in this DNA, no further socio-economic analysis is required for the parcels recommended for leasing. No impacts to socio-economics are expected to occur as a result of the proposed action.		6-30-08
NP	Wild Horses and Burros	The parcel does not contain any lands managed for wild horses and burros.		6/30/08
NP	Wilderness characteristics.	No parcels recommended for lease contain areas with wilderness characteristics.		6/30/08

**FINAL REVIEW:**

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
NEPA / Environmental Coordinator		7/2/08	
Authorized Officer		7/2/08	

## **UTAH August 2008 PRELIMINARY OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE LIST**

Field office lease notice, stipulation edits in blue. Deferrals are in red.

**The following Washington Office IM lease stipulations should be applied to all parcels:**

Lease Stipulation-Cultural Resources (WO-IM-2005-003)  
Lease Stipulation-Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation  
(WO-IM-2002-174)

### **UTU0808-083**

T. 12 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake

Sec. 1: Lot 1-12.

483.44 Acres

Carbon County, Utah

Price Field Office

### **STIPULATION**

UT-S-14: No occupancy or other surface disturbance on the entire lease.

UT-S-46 Mule Deer Fawning

Cultural Stipulation

ESA Section 7 consultation stipulation

### **LEASE NOTICES**

T&E-01 Bald Eagle Lease Notice

LN-07 Raptor habitat

LN-33 Raptor Surveys

LN-52 Migratory Birds

LN-56 Price Field Office



**Parcel Deferral Table- Based on DNA  
August 2008 Oil and Gas Competitive Lease Sale  
Price Field Office**

DATE NOMINATED	PARCEL NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ACRES	REASON TRACT POSTPONED	LAND USE PLAN	PROPOSED LEASING DECISION DATED
	None Deferred					

## **Deferral Rationale**

## **ATTACHMENT 4**

### **Staff Reports**

Price Field Office  
August 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

1. Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species
2. Vegetation, Threatened and Endangered Species
3. Cultural Resources
4. Native American Consultation with letters and attachments
5. Wild and Scenic Rivers
6. Wild Horse/Burro Resources
7. Range Resources
8. Wilderness Resources

# **Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species**

1. August 2008 Wildlife Staff Report

# Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing

David L. Waller – PFO

For Aug 2008 sale

Tuesday, 2008-June-17

Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments
Bald Eagle	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Whooping Crane	Endangered	X				
Mexican Spotted Owl	Threatened and Critical Habitat	X			T&E-06 Lease Notice – Mexican Spotted Owl (with the Designated Critical Habitat wording) & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	
					T&E-06 Lease Notice – Mexican Spotted Owl (without the DCH wording) & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Endangered	X			T&E-07 Lease Notice – Southwestern Willow Flycatcher & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Candidate	X			UT-LN-52	
Greater Sage Grouse – leks	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 UT-S-124	
Greater Sage Grouse – nesting	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 UT-S-124 (Price River MFP WL-7.1; WL-10; M-1.2)	

Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing David L. Waller – PFO For Aug 2008 sale							Tuesday, 2008-June-17
Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments	
Greater Sage Grouse – wintering	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 (Price River MFP WL-10)		
Long-Billed Curlew	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Northern Goshawk	Sensitive		X	Parcel ID 4310 or (Sale ID 083)	UT-LN-07 UT-LN-33		
Swainson’s Hawk	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-07 UT-LN-33		
Ferruginous Hawk	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-14 UT-LN-33		
Burrowing Owl	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-13		
Short-eared Owl	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Peregrine Falcon	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-11		
White-Tailed Prairie-Dog	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-53 (Price River MFP WL-10)		
Black-Footed Ferret	Endangered	X			T&E-02 Lease Notice – Black-Footed Ferret & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	WT Prairie dog towns & Past reports	
Canada Lynx	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Kit Fox	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		

Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing David L. Waller – PFO For Aug 2008 sale						Tuesday, 2008-June-17	
Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments	
Townsend's Big-Eared Bat Western Red Bat	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Bonytail Chub Colorado Pikeminnow Humpback Chub Razorback Sucker	Endangered and Critical Habitat	X			T&E-03 Lease Notice – Endangered Fish of the Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation		
Bluehead Sucker Flannelmouth Sucker Roundtail Chub Colorado River Cutthroat Trout	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52 (Price River MFP WL-9.1; WL-10)		
Smooth Greensnake Utah Milk Snake	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Western Toad Great Plains Toad	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52		
Elk – winter	-	X			UT-LN-12 UT-S-114 (Price River MFP WL-3.2; M-1.2)		
Elk – calving	-	X			UT-S-93		

Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing David L. Waller – PFO For Aug 2008 sale							Tuesday, 2008-June-17
Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments	
Mule deer -- winter	-	X			UT-S-114 (Price River MFP WL-1.3; M-1.2)		
Mule deer – fawning	-		X	Parcel ID 4310 or (Sale ID 083)	UT-S-46		
Antelope – winter	-	X			UT-S-13		
Antelope – fawning	-	X			UT-LN-85		
RM Bighorn – winter	-	X					
RM Bighorn – lambing	-	X			UT-S-113		
D Bighorn – winter	-	X					
D Bighorn – lambing	-	X			UT-S-113		
Raptor – nests	-	X			UT-LN-07 UT-S-125		
Raptor – crucial cliff nesting complexes	-	X			UT-LN-07 UT-LN-33 UT-S-109 (Price River MFP WL-8.1; M-1.2)		



Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing David L. Waller – PFO For Aug 2008 sale						
Tuesday, 2008-June-17						
Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments
Migratory birds (that are BLM Sensitive)	-		X		UT-LN-52	
Waterfowl	-	X			UT-S-122	
Natural springs	-	X			UT-S-130 (Price River MFP WL-9.1; WL-11)	(springs designated on topo maps)
Perennial streams	-	X			UT-S-79	

**VEGETATION**  
**Threatened and Endangered Species**  
**Riparian Corridors (Rivers and Springs)**

1. August 2008 Staff Report

Karl Ivory/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI  
06/23/2008 08:19 AM  
To  
Nathan Sill/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI@BLM  
cc

bcc

Subject  
August Lease Sale

Nathan:

2008 August Lease Sale: No concerns for T&E plants, sensitive plants, riparian/wetlands, noxious weeds or forest and woodland.

Karl Ivory  
Natural Resource Specialist  
Price Field Office- BLM  
435-636-3670

## **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

1. August 2008 Cultural Staff Report

## Cultural Resource Assessment of August 2008 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

Public land parcels identified by the BLM for its scheduled August 2008 O&G lease sale have been assessed relative to potential impacts to cultural resources. One parcel was reviewed.

**UTU0808-083.** The parcel is located on a north facing slope of Minnie Maud Ridge. No archaeological inventories have previously been made within this parcel. No archaeological sites have been recorded. Some sites should be present but the density is likely low. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

As per WO IM 2005-003 the following stipulation should be applied to each parcel: "This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated."

The area of potential effect for this undertaking is generally the entire lease parcel as defined in Appendix 1.

The information on previous archaeological inventories and recorded sites comes from the archaeological site files located at the BLM Field Office in Price, Utah. Many of the previous inventories are over twenty years old and were made at a different standard than today. Additional sites are expected to exist that have not been recorded. The existing inventories and others surrounding these parcels are sufficient to determine that historic properties are likely to be present on each proposed lease parcel.

This evaluation is based on the assumption, supported by topography, perceived site density, existing access possibilities and previous inventories in the areas of the parcels, there should be a place on each lease parcel that one five acre well pad could be developed without directly affecting a significant cultural resource.

It is submitted that this oil and gas lease undertaking falls under the purview of the Protocol negotiated between BLM and the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, a document designed to assist BLM in meeting its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, various implementing regulations, and the National Cultural Programmatic Agreement. Further, the view taken here is that the undertaking does not exceed any of the review thresholds listed in Part VII (A) of the Protocol, and that it may be viewed as a No Historic Properties Affected; eligible sites present, but not affected as defined by 36CFR800.4 [VII (A) C (4)].

## **Native American Consultation**

1. List of Tribes Consulted
2. Tribal Consultation Letter
3. Parcel Map Attached to Letters
4. Letters Received from Tribes

Tribal Consultation Letters mailed to:

10 tribal heads and cc. to 6 tribal historic preservation departments

Ivan Wongan, Chairperson  
Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation  
707 North Main  
Brigham City, Utah 84302

cc: Patty Timbimboo-Madsen  
Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation  
707 North Main  
Brigham City, Utah 84302

Alonzo A. Coby, Chairman  
Fort Hall Business Council  
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes  
Pima Drive  
P. O. Box 306  
Fort Hall, Idaho 83202-0306

Ms. Lora Tom, Tribal Chair  
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council  
440 North Paiute Drive  
Cedar City, Utah 84720

cc. Dorena Martineau  
Cultural Resource Director  
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
440 North Paiute Drive  
Cedar City, UT 84720

Joe Shirley, Jr. President  
Navajo Nation President's Office  
Highway 264 Tribal Hill Drive  
P.O. Box 9000  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

cc. Marklyn Chee  
Preservation Specialist  
Navajo Nation  
P.O. Box 4950  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Ivan Posey, Chairman  
Shoshone Business Council  
Shoshone Tribe  
P. O. Box 538  
Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514

D. Maxine Natchees, Chairman  
Uintah & Ouray Tribal Business Committee  
Ute Indian Tribe  
988 South 7500 East  
P. O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

cc: Betsy Chapoose  
Cultural Rights & Protection Director  
Ute Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Ivan L. Sidney, Sr., Chairman  
Hopi Tribal Council  
Main Street  
P. O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

cc: Leigh Kuwanwisiwma  
Cultural Preservation Office  
Hopi Tribe  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Clement Frost, Chairman  
Southern Ute Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

cc: Neil Cloud, NAGPRA Coordinator  
Southern Ute Tribe  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Manuel Hart, Chairman  
Ute Mountain Tribe  
P.O. Box JJ  
1 Mike Wash Road  
Towaoc, CO 81334



cc: Terry Knight  
Tribal Cultural Rep  
Ute Mountain Tribe  
P.O. Box 248  
Towaoc, Colorado 81334

**Norman Cooneyate**, Governor  
Pueblo of Zuni  
1203 B. State Highway 53  
P.O. Box 339  
Zuni, New Mexico 87327



**United States Department of the Interior**  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**



Price Field Office  
125 South 600 West  
Price, UT 84501  
[http:// www.blm.gov/utah/price/](http://www.blm.gov/utah/price/)

In Reply Refer to:  
3120/8100  
August 2008 Lease Sale  
(UT-070)

CERTIFIED MAIL 7004 2510 0005 4743 5724  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Benjamin H. Nuvamsa, Chairman  
**Hopi Tribal Council**  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: August 2008 Oil and Gas Competitive Lease Sale

Dear Chairman Nuvamsa:

The Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management proposes to offer one lease sale parcel for the August 2008 oil and gas competitive lease sale within the Price Field Office (PFO). The number of acres offered for this lease sale, within the PFO, totals about 483 acres. This parcel is located in Carbon County, Utah. (Please refer to attached map.) A general legal description for this parcel is listed below and a full legal description for this parcel is presented in the attached parcel list.

Sale Id Number	Parcel Legal Description (Salt Lake Meridian)
UTU0808-083	T. 12 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake Sec. 1: Lot 1-12.

Leasing is an undertaking that requires consultation by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Leasing of this oil and gas parcel could impact sites listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in that leasing gives a right to the lessee to develop at least some place on the lease. These impacts would take place only if and when the lease is developed. The nature and locations of the impacts can only be identified if and when a proposal for development is made. The following lease stipulation is attached to all lease offerings:

“This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any

ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.”

This lease stipulation is to ensure future lessees are informed that the BLM has not completed its NHPA and other consultation requirements for the lease and that the results of these consultations may affect potential future development on that lease.

We invite your comments relating to cultural, environmental or any other issues regarding the leasing of this parcel which may be of concern to your community. If you would like further information or wish to discuss the project further, please contact Nathan Sill at (435) 636-3668. We would very much appreciate receiving your comments or questions. We will conclude that you have no concerns if we receive no response from you on this matter within 30 days business days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

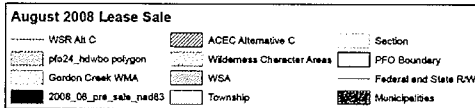
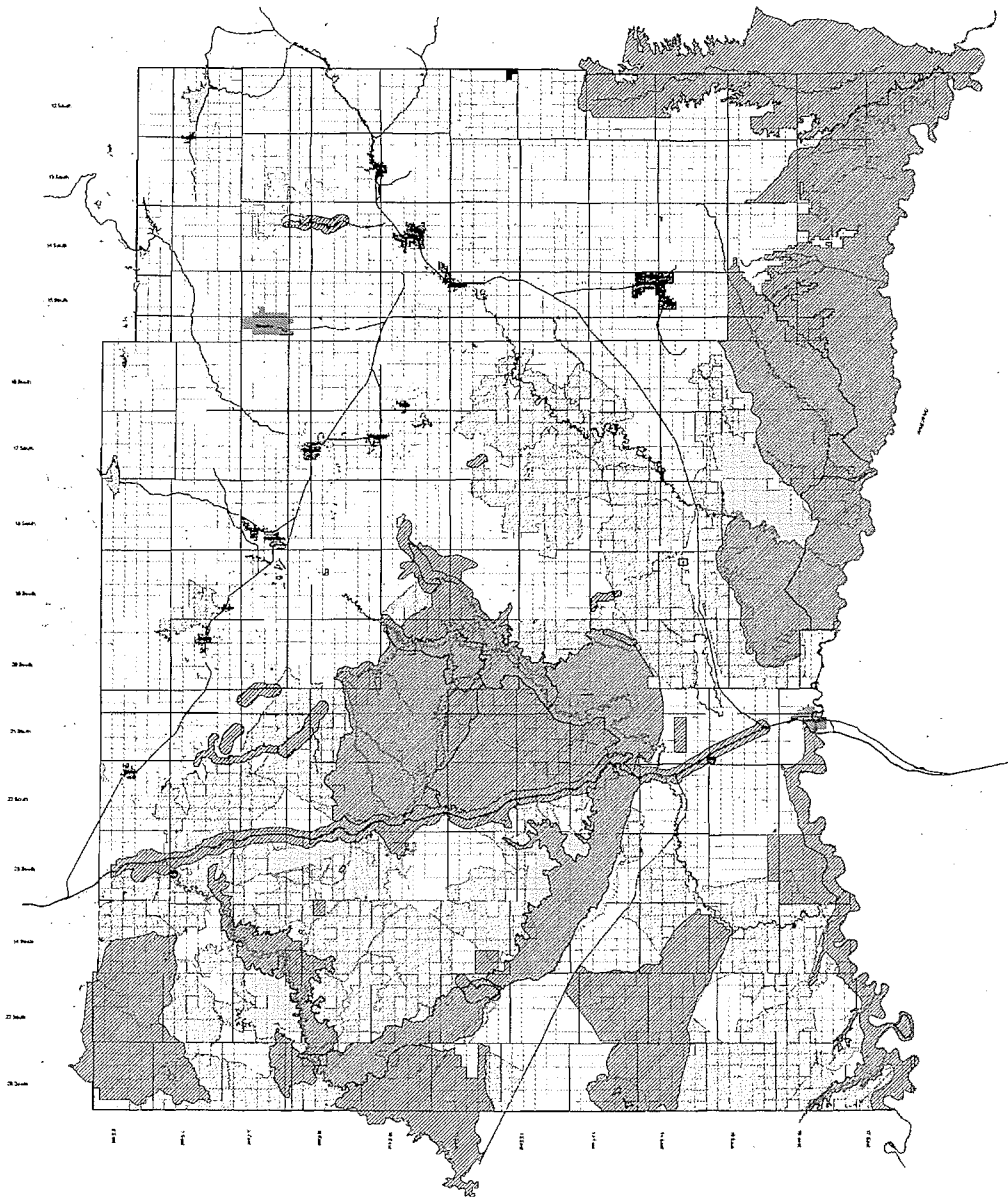
Roger L. Bankert  
Field Manager

Enclosures:

- 1 - Parcel List
- 2 - Map

cc: Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director  
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office  
**Hopi Tribal Council**  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039  
CERTIFIED MAIL 7004 2510 0005 4743 5731

# BLM Price Field Office August 2008 Lease Sale Alternative C





Office of:

The Governor  
The Secretary  
The Treasurer

## PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

P.O. BOX 194  
LAGUNA, NEW MEXICO 87028



(505) 552-6548  
(505) 552-6654  
(505) 552-6655

May 15, 2008

Mr. Roger L. Bankert  
Field Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Price Field Office  
125 South 600 West  
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Bankert:

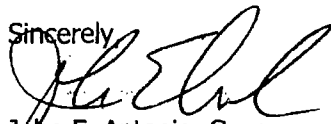
RE: 3120/8100 August 2008 Lease Sale (UT-070)

The Pueblo of Laguna appreciates your consideration to comment on possible interest your project may have on any traditional or cultural properties.

The Pueblo of Laguna has determined that the proposed undertaking WILL NOT have significant impact at this time. However, in the event that any new archaeological sites are discovered and any new artifacts are removed, we request to be notified to review items, and if possible furnish photographs of items. As our unpublished oral migration history is that our ancestors journeyed from the north through that area and settled for periods of time and therefore the possibilities of some findings.

We thank you and your staff for the information provided.

Sincerely,

  
John E. Antonio, Governor  
Pueblo of Laguna

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## THE NAVAJO NATION

JOE SHIRLEY, JR.  
PRESIDENT

May 21, 2008

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VICE-PRESIDENT

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Mr. Roger L. Bankert, Field Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
125 South 600 West  
Price, Utah 84501

Subject: Tribal Consultation Request. Proposed to conduct competitive oil and gas lease sale on at lease one parcel of land located in Carbon County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Bankert:

Our apology for an oversight and missing the deadline date of our response to your request, please note that in reference to your letter of May 09, 2008, the Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program (HPD-TCP) received a request for consultation regarding the above undertaking and/or project. After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties.

However, if there are any inadvertent discoveries made during the course of the undertaking, your agency shall cease all operations within the project area. HPD-TCP shall be notified by telephone within 24 hours and a formal letter be sent within 72 hours. All work shall be suspended until mitigation measures/procedures have been developed in consultation with the Navajo Nation.

The HPD-TCP appreciates your agency's consultation efforts, pursuant to 36 CFR Pt. 800.1 (c)(2)(iii). Should you have additional concerns and/or questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tony Joe, Program Manager  
Historic Preservation Department – Traditional Culture Program

Tel: 928.871.7688

Fax: 928.871.7886

E-mail: [tonyjoe@navajo.org](mailto:tonyjoe@navajo.org)

TCP 08-663

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# **Wild and Scenic Rivers**

1. August 2008 Wild and Scenic Rivers Staff Report

No issues were raised in response to this lease sale regarding Wild and Scenic Rivers.



## **Wild Horse and Burro Resources**

1. August 2008 Wild Horse/Burro Staff Report

No issues were raised in response to this lease sale regarding Wild Horses and Burros.

## **Range Resources**

1. August 2008 Range Staff Report

Ray Jenson/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI  
06/06/2008 01:02 PM  
To  
Nathan Sill/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI@BLM  
cc

bcc

Subject  
Re: August Lease Sale 2008

Range Management has no issues to identify at this stage of the lease sale. Any site specific issues would be addressed at the APD stage.

# **Wilderness Resources**

1. August 2008 Wilderness Staff Report

Tom Gnojek/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI  
05/20/2008 02:49 PM  
To  
Nathan Sill/PFO/UT/BLM/DOI@BLM  
cc

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Subject  
AUG 08 O&G Lease Sale Comments

I have no comments on this lonesome parcel located on the Carbon-Utah  
county line.

UTU0808-083  
T. 12 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake  
Sec. 1: Lot 1-12.  
483.44 Acres  
Carbon County, Utah  
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